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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR SANU'S TV REMARKS

1. NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SANU APPEARED JANUARY 14 ON WETA AND 90 OTHER EDUCATIONAL TV STATIONS NATIONWIDE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT ANGOLA POSED BY COMMENTATOR MARTIN AGRONSKY. (SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD NOT HEARD SANU'S REMARKS, FILLED SECOND HALF OF THE 30-MINUTE PROGRAM.)

2. SANU CHARGED THAT U.S. WANTS STATUS QUO IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HENCE BY IMPLICATION THAT U.S. SUPPORTS APARTHEID AND RACISM.. ACCORDING TO SANU, THE STATUS QUO GIVES U.S. AND OTHER WESTERN POWERS CONTINUED ACCESS TO NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY, AND CHEAP LABOR.

3. SANU SAID NIGERIA DOES NOT FEAR USSR CONTROL IN ANGOLA, AS DOES U.S. HISTORICALLY, USSR HAS ASSISTED NIGERIA, GUINEA-BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE AND OTHERS. NONE OF THESE COUNTRIES BECAME COMMUNIST. THE CUBANS ARE O.K. THEY ARE FIGHTING TO ACHIEVE BLACK ASPIRATIONS.

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4. SANU SAID THE MPLA REPRESENT THE LEGITIMATE ASPIRATIONS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. THE OTHER FACTIONS HAVE BEEN

COMPROMISED BY THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

5. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT IN GENERAL THE U.S. IS ANTI-AFRICAN (READ ANTI-BLACK AFRICAN). ASKED WHY HE BELIEVED THIS, HE SAID THAT THE U.S. OFTEN VOTES ALONE AT U.N. OR WITH SOUTH AFRICA. HE ALLEGED THAT NEITHER DR. KAUNDA NOR FORMER NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE GOWON WHO VISITED THE U.S. IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPACITIES AS HEAD OF OAU WERE RECEIVED BY U.S. PRESIDENT. THE AFRICANS INSTEAD MET REBUFF.

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